Dealing with Islamic Terrorism

†68. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian efforts for declaring Pakistan a terrorist state are achieving success and support;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate an effective scheme to deal with "Islamic terrorism" as per stipulated time-frame to wipe it out completely; if so, the steps taken so far, and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Government remain firm in their resolve to take all measures necessary to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country and combat all forms of terrorism. Government have appropriately and effectively been bringing to the notice of the international community Pakistan's support to cross border terrorism. Facts regarding Pakistan's state sponsorship of terrorism have been brought before international fora and have also been raised at high level bilateral discussions with the world leaders. The international community now openly recognizes Pakistan's state-sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and elsehwere in India. This greater awareness is being reflected in the international media coverage on Pakistan, and in statements by official spokesmen of several foreign governments.

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